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REFER TO FILE: **PD-2**

July 31, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES  
COLIMA ROAD FROM MAR VISTA STREET TO LAMBERT ROAD  
CITY OF WHITTIER  
RESOLUTION NO. 3875  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4  
4 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Consider the Notice of Exemption for the Colima Road from Mar Vista Street to Lambert Road project, prepared by the City of Whittier on July 24, 2002; concur that the project to resurface the deteriorated roadway pavement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and find that these actions reflect the independent judgment of the County.
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution finding that the proposed improvements of Colima Road between the aforementioned limits, within the City of Whittier, are of general County interest and providing that County-aid shall be extended in the amount of \$620,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The City of Whittier is proceeding with a project to resurface the deteriorated roadway pavement on Colima Road between the subject limits, which are entirely within the City. Your Board's adoption of the enclosed Resolution will authorize the expenditure of County Highways-Through-Cities funds in the City of Whittier for this roadway project.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of general county interest and that county-aid shall be extended therefore. County-aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment and materials, or a direct payment to the city.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness by utilizing a collaborative effort to improve Colima Road. It also satisfies the goal of Service Excellence. By improving the subject roadway, residents of the City and nearby unincorporated County area who travel on this street will benefit from the enhanced safety of the roadway, which will improve their quality of life.

**FISCAL/FINANCING IMPACT**

The total project cost is estimated to be \$720,000 of which \$620,000 will be financed by the County. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Resolution has been prepared in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The City of Whittier is the lead agency for this project.

The Notice of Exemption for the Colima Road from Mar Vista Street to Lambert Road project was prepared by the City of Whittier on July 24, 2002. The recommended findings are in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and are required prior to your Board's approval of this Resolution.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Colima Road from Mar Vista Street to Lambert Road is on the County's Highway Plan, and the proposed improvements are needed and of general County interest. The City of Whittier has scheduled the construction of this project for summer 2003.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon the adoption of this Resolution, please return one certified copy to us for transmittal to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3875**

IT IS RESOLVED that the improvement of Colima Road from Mar Vista Street to Lambert Road, within the City of Whittier, is of general County interest and that County-aid shall be extended, therefore, from the Road Fund, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$620,000, to be made available from the Road Fund for this purpose.

Provided, however, that if the aforementioned work has not been started within 60 days from the date of County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund, and also provided that, immediately upon completion of the work, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Director of Public Works showing the application of this money for the improvements and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio  
of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts,  
agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
County Counsel

By Framin S. Selt  
Deputy

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County Clerk, County of Los Angeles  
Environmental Filings  
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1101  
Norwalk, CA. 90650

**From:** Public Works  
City of Whittier  
13230 Penn Street  
Whittier, CA. 90602

**Filing of Notice of Exemption in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the  
Public Resources Code.**

**Project Title:** Resurfacing of Colima Road

**Project Location:** From Lambert Road to North City Limit.

**Project Location - City:** Whittier.

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles.

**Project Description:** Resurfacing of damaged asphalt concrete pavement, constructing curb ramps, sidewalk curb and gutter and adjusting utility valves and covers to grade, and replacement of traffic striping and pavement markings.

**Name of Lead Agency Approving Project:** City of Whittier.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:** City of Whittier.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one).

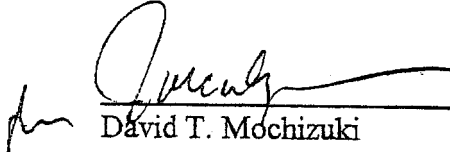
- ☐ Ministerial: Section 21080(b)(1); 15268.
- ☐ Declared emergency: Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a).
- ☐ Emergency Project: Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b) and (c).
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Title 14 Cal. Code Regs. Sec. 15301 Class 1(c).
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions State Code Number. \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** Project involves repair of existing street. It has no expansion beyond that previously existing.

**Lead Agency:** City of Whittier.

**Contact Person:** Joe C. Dyer, Resident Engineer

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (562) 464-3510.

  
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David T. Mochizuki  
Director of Public Works

**Date**

7/24/02

## PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY (PES) FORM

Agency (Dist-Co-Rte-Agency): City of Whittier  
 Project Number (Federal Prog. Prefix-Proj.No. (Agmmt No.): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Location: Colima Road from Lambert Road to Casino Drive in the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, State of California.  
 Project Description: Cold mill and overlay existing asphalt concrete pavement, remove and construct damaged Sidealk, curb and gutter

### EXAMINE FOR POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

A. The Physical Environment	<u>Yes</u>	<u>To Be Determined</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Is the project a Type I project as defined in 23 CFR 772.5(h); "construction on new location or the physical alteration of an existing highway which significantly changes either the horizontal or vertical alignment or increases the number of through-traffic lanes."	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Are there water resources (rivers, streams, bays, inlets, lakes, drainage sloughs) within or immediately adjacent to the project area?	_____	_____	X
3. Is project within a designated sole-source aquifer?	_____	_____	X
4. Is project within the State Coastal Zone?	_____	_____	X
5. Is the construction area located within a regulatory floodway or within the base floodplain (100-year) elevation of a water course or lake?	_____	_____	X
6. Is the project within or immediately adjacent to a Wild and Scenic River System?	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Is there a potential for a federally-listed, threatened, or endangered species (including candidate species) or their critical or sensitive habitat within the construction area?	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Is there a potential for wetlands within the construction area?	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
9. Is there a potential for agricultural wetlands within the construction area?	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
10. Air Quality			
a. Is the project included in a currently conforming regional transportation plan (RTP) and transportation improvement program (TIP) and that there have been no substantial changes in the design concept and scope as used in the TIP?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
b. Is the project exempt from the requirement to determine conformity (40 CFR 93.126)?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Is the project in a non-attainment or maintenance area? (National Ambient Air Quality Standards)	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

DATA AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS CHECKLIST SHOULD BE  
ATTACHED OR AVAILABLE FROM THE LOCAL AGENCY UPON REQUEST  
(Check to Indicate Required Technical Studies, Coordination, Permits or Approvals)

C. REQUIRED TECHNICAL STUDIES	D. COORDINATION	E. PERMIT/APPROVALS
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NOISE STUDY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Related <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Related	<input type="checkbox"/> FHWA	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>WATER QUALITY STUDY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Dredged/Fill material (US waters) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction in Navigable Waters <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of Bridges/Causeways Across Navigable Waters <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Stream or Lake Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> NEPA/404 MOU	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard  <input type="checkbox"/> California Regional Water Quality Control Board <input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Fish & Game <input type="checkbox"/> FHWA	<input type="checkbox"/> Issues Section 404 Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Section 10 Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Approves Plans  <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Section 1601/03 Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SOLE SOURCE AQUIFER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EPA (S.F. Regional Office)	<input type="checkbox"/> Contamination Threat
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>COASTAL ZONE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Coastal Zone Management agency (California Coastal Commission (CCC))	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone Consistency
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FLOODPLAIN STUDY *</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Emergency Management Agency FHWA	<input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain Finding
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>WILD &amp; SCENIC RIVERS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Department of Interior Heritage Conservation/Recreation Service	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BIOLOGY STUDY *</b>	FHWA California Department of Fish & Game	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec 7 Consultation <input type="checkbox"/> Incidental Take Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>WETLANDS STUDY *</b>  Agricultural Wetlands	FHWA/EPA U.S. Fish & Wildlife U.S. Army Corps of Engineers <input type="checkbox"/> National Marine Fisheries Service <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Conservation Service	Wetlands Findings Verifies juris. wetlands <input type="checkbox"/> Verifies agri. wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>AIR QUALITY STUDY*</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> FHWA	<input type="checkbox"/> Conformity Finding
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FARMLANDS STUDY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Conservation Service <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<input type="checkbox"/> Verifies prime/unique <input type="checkbox"/> Approves Conversions

\* FHWA has responsibility for consultation under regulation or interagency agreement or  
FHWA has responsibility for a finding or determination required by law, regulation or Executive Order.



F. Public Hearing and Public Availability

☒ Not Required  
☐ Notices of Availability  
☐ Environmental Document ONLY

Opportunity for a Public Hearing  
Public Hearing Required

G Preliminary Environmental Document Classification (NEPA)

Based on the evaluation of the project, the environmental document to be developed should be:

☐ Environmental Impact Statement  
☐ Environmental Assessment  
☐ Categorical Exclusion, with required technical studies (involving Federal action)  
☒ Programmatic Categorical Exclusion, without required technical studies  
☐ Programmatic Categorical Exclusion, with required technical studies (not involving Federal action)

Prepared by: Sunny Ng Date July 18, 2002 Telephone #: (562) 464-3521

This document was prepared under my supervision, in accordance with the *Local Assistance Procedures Manual*, Exhibit 6-B, "Instructions for Completing the Preliminary Environmental Study Form."

Signature local agency: *[Signature]* Date: 7/22/02 Telephone #: (562) 464-3510

I have reviewed this Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) form and determined that the submittal is complete and sufficient. I concur with the studies to be performed and the recommended level of environmental document (if required).

Signature DLAE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR EAs, EISs, REGULAR CEs, AND (WHEN REQUESTED) FOR PROGRAMMATIC CEs:**

I have reviewed this Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) form and determined that the submittal is complete and sufficient. I concur with the studies to be performed and the recommended level of environmental document.

Signature District Environmental: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

FHWA REVIEW of PES RECOMMENDED YES ☐ NO ☐

**THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR EAs, EISs, AND (WHEN REQUESTED) FOR REGULAR CEs:**

H. I concur with the studies to be performed and the recommended level of environmental document.

Signature FHWA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:**

Original: District Local Assistance Engineer  
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